

SENATE BILL 342

By Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8,
Chapter 42; Title 12, Chapter 4 and Title 54,
relative to state contractors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 42, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

8-42-110.

Where an entity contracts with the Tennessee department of transportation to undertake maintenance or other activities normally undertaken by state employees, the department shall have the authority to indemnify and hold harmless the contractor from claims and damages awarded as a result of the contractor's reliance on the agency's designs, plans or specifications.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

12-4-123.

Where an entity contracts with the Tennessee department of transportation to undertake maintenance or other activities normally undertaken by state employees, the department shall have the authority to indemnify and hold harmless the contractor from claims and damages awarded as a result of the contractor's reliance on the agency's designs, plans or specifications.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

54-5-145.

Where an entity contracts with the Tennessee department of transportation to undertake maintenance or other activities normally undertaken by state employees, the department shall have the authority to indemnify and hold harmless the contractor from claims and damages awarded as a result of the contractor's reliance on the agency's designs, plans or specifications.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.